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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPUTERLIST BUILDING

REF: A. STATE 235514, DECEMBER 1, 1973; B. MANILA 12923,
NOVEMBER 16, 1973; C. STATE A-122206, DECEMBER 16, 1972;
D. A-9098, NOVEMBER 2, 1973.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OM DATED DECEMBER 20, 1973, FROM
COMMERCE FOREIGN TRADERS IDENTIFICATION SECTION PROVIDING
FORMATTING GUIDE LINES FOR TELEGRAPHIC WTD/FTI REPORT
DISCUSSED REF. A.
 2. BEFORE PROCEEDING, WISH OFFER OBSERVATIONS ON EFFECT
THESE INSTRUCTIONS.
 3. INTRODUCTION IN 1972 OF SIMPLIFIED TELEGRAPHIC FORMAT
FOR WTDR'S (REF. C) WAS INTENDED TO REDUCE POST WORK LOAD.
SINCE CABLE WTDR DATA NOT FED INTO FOREIGN TRADERS INDEX,
INPUT INTO FTI DROPPED OFF. TO OVERCOME THIS, NEW FTI
FORM PROPOSED (REF D).
 4. EMBASSY MANILA SUGGESTION (REF. B) PROPOSED TO AVOID
DUPLICATIVE REPORTING BY ADDING SIC DATA TO PRESENT TELE-
GRAPHIC WTDR REPORTS AND UTILIZING THESE FOR FTI. HOWEVER,
FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS IN DECEMBER 20 OM ARE IDENTICAL
IN VIRTUALLY ALL RESPECTS O* THOSE FOR NON-TELEGRAPHIC WTDR,
WHICH IN TURN ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOR NEW FTI FORM
PROPOSED REF. D.
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5. THUS, STATUS QUO ANTE OF 1972 WILL BE RESTORED, WITH

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAPHIC WTDR REPLACED BY MORE INVOLVED WTDR IDENTICAL TO PRESENT NON-TELEGRAPHIC WTDR. EMBASSY NOT AVERSE TO THIS SOLUTION PROVIDED ALL WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED HAVE AGREED TO IT. STATUS QUO ANTE CERTAINLY PREFERABLE TO DUPLICATIVE REPORTING PROPOSED REF. D. HOWEVER, INITIAL GOAL WHEN TELEGRAPHIC WTDR WAS INTRODUCED IN 1972 WAS REDUCTION OF POST WORK LOAD AND THIS GOAL IS CO*SISTENT WITH MAINTENANCE OF INPUT INTO FTI ONLY IF SOME CODING OF TELEGRAPHIC WTDR DATA CAN BE DONE IN WASHINGTON.

6. IF SOME CODING WERE TO BE DONE IN WASHINGTON, WOULD SUGGEST ITEMS 3, 4A-D, 9, AND 10((DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT TO DECEMBER 20 OM).

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
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